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US Highway 52 closed between Minot and Velva due to water over the roadway

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the ND Highway Patrol have closed US Highway 52 between Minot and Velva due to water over the roadway - only local traffic will be allowed.

To continue to move commerce and truck traffic, the following detours have been put in place for US 52:

- **US 52 northwest bound traffic:** Take ND Highway 23 west to US Highway 83. Take US Highway 83 north to Minot.
- **US 52 southeast bound traffic:** Take US Highway 83 south then ND Highway 23 east to US 52 continue southeast.

Alternate routes are available for local traffic on other state highways, however, motorists should be aware they will encounter areas of construction work, water on the roadway, one-lane traffic, reduced speeds and width restrictions.

Motorists are encouraged to use caution while traveling, as vehicles that leave the roadway may become immersed in high water. The roads are closed for the safety of the traveling public. Please remember when a road is closed it is illegal to go around barricades and motorists can be fined.

For road information, motorists should go to www.dot.nd.gov or call 511.

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